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## Representative Kelly Townsend Congratulates Delegates on Productive Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention

**STATE CAPITOL, PHOENIX** – Representative Kelly Townsend (R-16), president of the Balanced Budget Amendment Planning Convention, today congratulated delegates of the convention for their efforts laying the groundwork for a constitutional convention.

**“I’m so proud of the work accomplished this week by delegates of the planning convention,”** said Representative Townsend. **“We’ve still got a lot of work to do to make a balanced budget amendment a reality, but the momentum for a constitutional convention is clearly building. It was an honor to take part in such an historic event.”**

Delegates from 19 states met at the Arizona Capitol this week to begin preparations for a constitutional convention to curb federal spending through a balanced budget amendment.



Representative Townsend was elected president of the convention by acclamation of the assembled delegates. Representative Ken Ivory of Utah was elected vice-president, and David Guldenschuh of Georgia was elected Secretary.

27 states have passed resolutions invoking Article V of the U.S. Constitution and calling for a constitutional convention to pass a balanced budget amendment, just seven states shy of the two-thirds needed.

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